(c) The Centres of Excellence will provide technical support for developing the capacity of medical officers and other personnel in paediatric HIV clinical management and early diagnosis of HIV infection in children; management of complicated opportunistic infections in HIV infected children and operational research on related issues.

ART for AIDS patients

2703. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not implementing the universalized first line treatment and second line free treatment of antiretroviral therapy for HIV/ AIDS patients and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of funds allotted and released for the first line treatment for the past five years, year-wise;

(c) the details of cost involved in first line and second line treatment per patient per month; and

(d) the details of funds allotted and released by Government (including foreign financial assistance) to NGOs and Government organizations or HIV/AIDS awareness progammes for the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Government of India is implementing Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Programme for eligible persons with HIV/AIDS since April, 2004 with first line ARV drugs. Treatment with second line ARV drugs is not part of the programme at present.

(b) The Project started in April, 2004. The funds allocated and utilized for ART Programme since 2004-05 is as under:-

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Funds allotted	Funds released
2004-05	0.20	0.21
2005-06	34.99	25.80
2006-07	67.28	75.44
2007-08	124.30	

(c) The drugs for first line treatment cost Rs.650 per month per patient, while second line treatment cost Rs. 8000 per month per patient.

(d) No funds are provided to NGOs directly by NACO. However, funds provided to NGOs and Government organizations through State AIDS Control Societies and funds released by NACO for HIV/AIDS awareness programmes is enclosed as a Statement *(See* below).

Statement

Funds allocated and released for awareness programmes

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds released
2002-03	36.00
2003-04	44.53
2004-05	56.11
2005-06	105.12
2006-07	136.92
TOTAL:	378.68

Non-availability of medicines in Delhi hospitals

†2704. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines for serious diseases are not available in adequate quantity in five big Government hospitals of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the patients have to purchase costly medicines from the market;

(c) the total amount provided to these hospitals for purchase of medicines and medical tests during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make these medicines available to the poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Adequate quantity of life saving medicines are available in Central Government hospitals in Delhi. There is also a provision of imprest money kept with the Medical Superintendent of the hospitals for local purchase in case of non-availability of any essential medicine. The details of budget allocation under the head 'Supplied and Material' which includes the expenditure on medicine and disposable diagnostics tests are as under:-

(Rupees in thousand)

Name of Institute	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 R.E.	2006-07 B.E.
S. J. Hospital	205671	197435	195000
Dr. RMLH	107852	99240	119200
LHMC	69427	71590	71590

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.